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Getting ready for fair



Char Coe and Kelsie Evans clean up the sheep barns in preparation for Wednesday's opening day of the 1989 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Opening of the county fair means five days of fun and excitement.

Sewer rate effective for August

In the election of May 16, 1989, voters in the City of Heppner approved a measure to authorize the city to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$625,000 to improve and rehabilitate the city sewerage collection system and the city sewerage treatment plan, the construction of additional sewerage treatment facilities and the acquisition of property. The bonds will mature over a period of twenty years. These bonds will be repaid by users fees of the city sewer system. Therefore this notice is to advise users that the additional fee of \$9. per unit will begin on the August billing.

Petitions presented for recall of board members

Morrow County Clerk, Barbara Bloodsworth gave notice to two Morrow County School Board members that petitions had been turned in to her office to recall them from their positions on the board. The appropriate number of signatures had been turned in for these two board members.

Marcia Kemp and Bill Doherty were notified that they had five days to resign from the board or submit a 200 word rebuttal for the charges presented against them.

An election will be held

September 19, along with the regular election, for the recall of Kemp and Doherty. If defeated at this time, they will be removed from the board.

When contacted, Marcia Kemp replied, "I will not resign from the school board, (but) will face recall election on September 19." "Morrow County voters elected me and they will decide whether I remain or not." "I will not succumb to the wishes of the ones who signed the recall petition without letting the people I represent have a choice."

New pagers mean quick response



Left to right: Bill Sheirbon, Steve Lankford, Linda Dunaway, Glen Anderson, Jackie Bergstrom, Charlie Sumner and Ernest Wick, PMH Administrator. Not pictured is Ralph DeBoer.

New pagers for the Lexington EMTs will mean faster response time for emergencies, says members of the Morrow County Medical Board which purchased the new pagers.

"This ties them into the 911 and the hospital which means quicker ambulance response time," says Ernest Wick, county health

administrator. Wick says the pagers will mean Lexington's new rescue vehicle will arrive on the scene of an accident sooner, stabilizing a victim for when the ambulance arrives.

"In an accident a few minutes can mean saving someone's life," says Jackie Bergstrom, chairman of the medical board which presented the new pagers.

Lexington recently received a rescue vehicle through the Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The vehicle will carry equipment to stabilize victims and will cover Lexington and half way to Heppner and Ione.

Lexington has six certified EMTs. EMTs must spend a minimum of 120 classroom hours to be qualified.

Anderson enters "no plea" contest in baby deaths

Paula Anderson, 22, of Heppner, entered "no contest" pleas to two counts of criminally negligent homicide Monday in connection with the deaths of her two infants.

The no contest pleas, which have the same legal effect as a guilty plea, were entered before Morrow County Circuit Court Judge Robert Abrams in Pendleton. In return for Anderson's pleas to the homicide charges, charges of Abuse of Corpse and Concealing the Birth of an Infant in both cases were dismissed. In addition, the State agreed to recommend no additional jail time other than the four months she has already served in the Benton County Jail, six years probation, the maximum amount allowed under Oregon law, intensive therapy and treatment as part of the probation, and monitoring for pregnancy at least every three months.

"What we're trying to do here," says Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace, "is to protect any future children which she might have."

"One of the factors leading to the negotiated plea," says Wallace, "is that the State did not have conclusive medical evidence that the children were actually born alive. We would have had to prove that by circumstantial evidence."

The body of the first infant was discovered in a Heppner apartment

by the Heppner Police Department on February 15, 1989. That baby was apparently born January 29, and the body was moved several times before being taken to the apartment where it was discovered.

The skeletal remains of a second infant were found in the closet of a bedroom previously occupied by Paula Anderson at her grandmother's home in Ione. Those remains were discovered by Heppner Police and the Oregon State Police Crime Lab on March 2.

The Ione infant was apparently born May, 1987, and "set aside" by Anderson. Anderson was arrested on March 13 following her release from

a Pendleton hospital, and lodged in the Benton County Jail. She was held there until she was released on her own recognizance by Judge Abrams following a hearing in mid-June.

Judge Abrams ordered that a presentence investigation be completed on Anderson, and that her recognizance release be continued pending sentencing. Sentencing was set for September 25 in Heppner.

"Because of the inconclusive nature of the medical evidence, this case presented legal issues unique to Oregon law," says Wallace. "Our main thrust, obviously, is to protect any future children and monitor closely any pregnancies."

Case unique to Oregon law

According to Morrow County District Attorney, Jeff Wallace, the legal issues presented in the Paula Anderson case are unique to Oregon law. The primary problem is that due to the condition of the infant remains, the State has no conclusive medical evidence to prove whether the apparent full-term infants were liveborn or stillborn.

Oregon law requires that the prosecution prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the infants were born alive, says Wallace. Even if the case had gone to trial and a conviction had been obtained, a reversal on appeal was a very strong possibility. A no contest plea avoids that appeal and has the same effect as a guilty plea.

In arriving at the negotiated plea in the Anderson case, Wallace goes on to explain, experts in the field at the Multnomah County District Attorney's office and the Kempe Center for Child Abuse Prosecution in Denver were consulted. All felt, given the state of the evidence in this unique case, that this was the best possible course.

As to sentencing, Wallace continues, there is strong psychiatric evidence to support the idea that probation with extensive therapy, combined with extensive monitoring, is in the best long-term interest of all parties. A defense psychiatrist who is well-respected in the field, Dr. Norman Janzer, concluded that the Defendant is suffering from a mental disease or defect. A State psychiatrist from the Oregon State Hospital concluded that she is suffering from a personality disorder, but not to the extent that she couldn't appreciate the criminality of her conduct. (She's not legally "insane") If the Defendant had been found guilty, but insane, (a very real possibility given the factual background), she would have been committed to the Oregon State Hospital. Since State Hospital doctors have already decided that she is not "insane", the defendant will probably receive more intensive therapy, treatment and monitoring on probation than she would at the State Hospital. If probation is violated, that probation could then be revoked and a sentence of jail time imposed.

Soccer registration is underway

Registration for the youth soccer program for under tens and under eights (as of January 1) will be held at the Columbia Basin Conference room from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, August 17.

There will be a limit of fifteen players per team. Practices will be week days at the Lexington field (time to be announced later). Uniforms and equipment will be provided by the Heppner Basketball Alumni Association.

There is a fifteen dollar registration fee that covers insurance. Soccer matches will be in Herrington and Lexington.

Coaching and parent assistance is needed. Contact Stuart Dick 989-8450.

Court has added new look

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court will be sporting a special new look for the parade this year. Silk flower arrangements have been donated to the court by the Bill Gentry and the Alvin Ashbeck families. The flowers were created

through the efforts and donated labor of Cindy Schmidt of Country Rose.

The flowers are bright fuchsia in color with light pink and baby breath accented with metallic silver ribbon. Look for the girls in the parade!

Queen finds time for her animals



Nancy Bailey

Nancy Bailey, youngest child of Dwight and Janell Bailey of Heppner, is this year's queen of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. A 1989 graduate of Heppner, Nancy will be attending Blue Mountain Community College this fall to major in Ag Marketing.

This summer, in addition to her heavy schedule of court appearances, Nancy has been working on several area ranches for harvest. For one month she worked for Wagon Trail Farms and Jim Klukert, rebuilding sickle bars for combines and cleaning and running the grain elevator. She will also be working for her father during wheat

harvest and haying season. During her free time, Queen Nancy will be preparing her sheep and cattle for the fair.

Nancy's most memorable event this summer was the Rose Parade. "I would like to thank everyone who helped us to get to Portland: without your help we would have never made it there. Our Court Chaperone, Marlene Currin, has done a great job with us this year keeping us in line and on time. Thank you."

See Queen Nancy and the rest of the 1989 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court from August 16-20 at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

Special treat in store for fair goers

"A special singing attraction has been added to enhance this year's fair," says Fair secretary, Marlene Currin. "We were very lucky to get this group at the last minute."

The group called "Gabriel" is from Buffalo, New York. The other four members of the group come from the Nashville, Tenn. area.

They will be playing Sunday, August 20 on the outdoor stage at the fairgrounds beginning at 4 p.m. and play about an hour.

This musical group plays Country and Western music with a little Country Rock-A-Billy thrown in.

"Gabriel" has just finished an overseas tour with Emmilou Harris. They have had five chart buster records in the Country Top 10.

"Gabriel" has composed a number of songs, one of which he sold to the Oakridge Boys and will be recorded this fall. He also sold one of his songs to George Strait.

"This is a special showing. I would like to invite everyone to come out Sunday and see this great group," says Currin. "we were very lucky to get them!"

Market Report

Comments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, Aug. 14	
Soft White	
Aug.	\$4.48
Sept.	\$4.48/\$4.49
Oct.	\$4.51/\$4.52

Barley	
Aug/Sept	\$103 T
Oct	\$104 T
Pk	\$105 T
New Crop	\$90 T

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